

Newsletter

Autumn 2018 – Term dates – Photos – SHOW!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

THIS TERM ends Friday 07 December EXCEPT Monday Adult Jazz and Tuesday Senior Ballet which will finish on 10 and 11 December respectively.

NEXT TERM starts Monday 7 January, ends Friday 29 March, **HALF TERM** will be Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

THURSDAY 07 FEB Mrs Stern's classes are cancelled (extra class has been added this term). Miss O'Donovan's classes will be in Musicale on this date. This is because our usual venues are being used as polling stations on this date.

11 – 17 MARCH NO CLASSES as it is show week

18 – 22 MARCH PYJAMA WEEK – wear your pyjamas to dancing as we recover from show week

25 – 29 MARCH WATCHING WEEK but only for classes that were NOT in the show (Primary and below and Vocational ballet)

KEEPING UP TO DATE Please join our facebook page *Harpenden Dance School (formerly LSSD)* to get reminders, updates, news and inspirational pics and video clips! This will also be our primary way of alerting you to any **snow days**. Our website is also a great source of information at www.harpendendance.com

SHOW 2019 – Thurs 14, Fri 15, Sat 16 March 7pm, Sat 16 March 2pm!

WE STILL NEED

- Someone to train with the talented Louise Slade with a view to being head of **COSTUMES** for future shows.
- Someone with a **VAN** to help transport props for the show

If you can help with the above roles, even just in part, or have any other talents or experience that you could contribute to making the show a success, please get in touch!

Work has started on the show and it is shaping up to be the celebration of different dance styles, amazing costumes and great tunes that we have come to expect from an HDS show! Tickets will be available from February (a separate letter/email will be sent out nearer the time).

SUNDAY REHEARSAL SCHEDULES are now available on www.harpendendance.com and sign up is now open!! If you volunteered to help with supervision on your child's show form please support the amazing Hannah and Sandra who have stepped in to make it all possible and secure your preferred slots by signing up quickly! Schedules for photo call, Technical and Dress rehearsals will follow in the new year.

LOST PROPERTY All unclaimed lost property will be donated to the uniform sale or charity shops after 14 December.

PHOTOGRAPHS I absolutely love seeing photographs people have taken of their children enjoying classes with us but do feel strongly that when we have watching week spectators should be enjoying the moment, not viewing life from behind their phone - it's a tricky one! I was recently sent some stunning photographs by Tracy Shankland, whose teenage daughter started ballet at Harpenden Dance School when she was tiny. Tracy has kindly offered to photograph some classes throughout the term so that she can capture some of your child's dancing moments for you to look back on. "I spent many years watching her and her friends learning ballet and photographing their antics and achievements during Watching Week. My daughter has always inspired my passion for candid photography, and I love capturing spontaneous, unposed moments which would otherwise be lost or completely missed". Tracy has a secure website where the photographs will be available for viewing and purchase as digital downloads. Classes will be given a link and password if photographs have been taken of their class and only photographs of those who have given consent will be displayed.

ONLINE SHOP at Hds.mydancestore.co.uk We have teamed up with My Dance Store to create an online shop to make it easier for you to get your uniform and dance supplies, including some exciting new products that might make good Christmas presents (dance bags, hoodies, t-shirts)! If there is something you want but can't find in our store please let us know. At the moment Character skirts and leotards for G4 and above modern and tap are still only available from Louise Crookell-Slade, Adult Zoodies from Miss O'Donovan (see school website for details) and second hand uniform from Hannah Turner.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS Please ensure that you are familiar with our terms and conditions (available on our website), in particular the need to give half a term's notice for cancellations. *Failure to give adequate notice may result in a penalty charge.*

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our dancers who did their RAD Grades and Vocational ballet exams last term, maintaining our 100% pass rate with 80% achieving Merit and above. Also a special well done to our Advanced 2 Tap candidates, Seren Barker and Alice Cullen, who achieved great results this term in their final tap exam!

We wish you all a Merry and Bright holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

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